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Subject: Alternate Locking Devices for Sliding Patio Doors	Code and Section Reference: SMC 22.206.140(B)(5)	
	Type of Rule: Code Interpretation	
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Background:

Section 22.206.140(B)(5) of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code provides that dead bolts or other approved locking devices shall be provided on all sliding patio doors and installed so that the mounting screws for the lock cases are inaccessible from the outside.

Rule:

When other locking devices are used, they will be considered as "approved locking devices" if they prevent the door from being slid open and if provision is made to prevent the door from being lifted from its channel from the outside.

Examples of approved locking devices for sliding patio doors include the following:

1. Original locking mechanism
2. Charlie Bar (attached pivoting device)

3. Metal locking pins into door frame or overlapping panels
4. Patio door security locks or devices

DPD will accept items 1-4 and any other permanently installed locks or devices provided that they have the capacity to keep the sliding panel closed and not operable/movable from the outside.

Any patio security lock that can be operated from the inside only with the use of a key is prohibited.

Reason:

This rule specifies commonly understandable criteria for alternate locking devices for sliding patio doors, in order to assist owners in complying with security requirements in the Code and to minimize requests for variances.